

## SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

April 19, 2010

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the in the Arts and Craft Room of the Mansfield Senior Center.

### I. ROLL CALL

Present: Haddad, Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer

### II. ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Keane seconded the adoption of the budget.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjust the Contributions to Area Agencies as follows:

United Services	Increase	\$1,000
Sexual Assault Crisis Center	Increase	\$1,000
CT Legal Services	Increase	\$1,000
Community Companion	Increase	\$1,000
Save Havens	Decrease	\$2,000

Motion passed with Haddad, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer in favor and Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus opposed.

Ms. Moran moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to increase funding for the Senior Center Social Worker position by \$6,300 allowing an increase of eight hours per week beginning January, 2011.

Motion passed with Haddad, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer in favor and Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus opposed.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to add funding in the amount of \$8,200 for a Transportation Coordinator position (estimated at 10 hours per week) for the volunteer driver program.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to increase the Capital Projects Fund by \$1,000,000 for the Open Space account, to be funded through the sale of bonds.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to change the proposed Bond Funding to Capital Non-recurring Finding for the following items:

Replacement Boat	\$10,000
Fire Ponds	\$ 5,000
Playground Resurfacing	\$ 5,000
Amenities – Lion Park	\$10,000
Restroom Improv-BCP	\$ 3,000
Trail Improv/Parking- Commonfields	\$ 4,000
Pickup Mounted Message Sign	\$10,000
Snowplows	\$ 5,500

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Tree Replacement	\$ 5,000
Small Bridges	\$10,000

for a total of \$67,500.

Motion passed with Haddad, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer in favor and Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus opposed.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to remove funding for the road works electronic message board.

Motion failed.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Ms. Keane seconded to eliminate funding for the amenities at Lion Park. The motion was withdrawn. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to reduce the amenities budget for Lions Park by \$4,000 to provide the minimum amenities to make the soccer field useable.

Motion passed with Haddad, Keane, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus and Schaefer in favor and Kochenburger and Ryan opposed.

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to remove funding for an architect for the Bicentennial Pond facility improvements.

Motion failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Haddad, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to remove funding for the first stage of security improvements at the town hall. Mr. Haddad offered a friendly amendment that the project be moved to the 2011/12 Capital Project Fund Budget to allow time for the development of a plan for the project. The amendment was accepted by the maker and seconder and passed unanimously.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to remove \$6,000 for oil tank covers at the town hall.

The motion passed with Keane, Lindsey, Moran, Paulhus, Ryan and Schaefer in favor and Haddad, Kochenburger and Paterson opposed.

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to remove all funding for Professional and Technical Services for Storrs Center project.

Motion failed with all opposed.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to increase the General Fund Transfer Out to Capital Projects by \$57,500 and to increase the Capital Nonrecurring Fund the Transfer Out to Capital Projects by \$57,500.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Keane seconded to eliminate the addition of another state trooper.

The motion failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Haddad, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to eliminate the funding for the MetroHartford Alliance membership.

Motion passed with Haddad, Keane, Lindsey, Moran, Paulhus and Ryan in favor and Kochenburger, Paterson and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Ms. Keane seconded to eliminate the Community Center fitness equipment. The motion was withdrawn as the items are paid for by the membership.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Ms. Keane seconded to eliminate improvements to the ventilation system at the Community Center.

Motion failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Haddad, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Mr. Haddad moved to incorporate all the amendments as approved and increase the General Fund Balance by \$17,400.

Motion passed with Haddad, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer in favor and Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus opposed.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$33,702,055 is hereby adopted as the proposed operating budget for the Town of Mansfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$20,051,420 is hereby adopted as the capital improvements to be undertaken during fiscal year 2010/11 or later years.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$957,545 be adopted.

It is further resolved, that the following Appropriations Act be recommended for adoption at the annual Town Meeting for budget consideration:

RESOLVED: That the proposed General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$33,702,055 which proposed budget was adopted by the Council on April 19, 2010, be adopted and that the sums estimated and set forth in said budget be appropriated for the purpose indicated.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51, the proportionate share for the Town of Mansfield of the annual budget for Regional School District No. 19 shall be added to the General Fund Budget appropriation for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal

year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 and said sums shall be paid by the Town to the Regional School District as they become available.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$20,051,420 be adopted provided that the portion proposed to be funded by bonds or notes shall, at the appropriate times, be introduced for action by the Town Council subject to a vote by referendum as required by Section 407 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$957,545 be adopted.

Motion to approve the resolutions passed with Haddad, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer in favor and Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus opposed.

### III. OTHER

The Chairman of the Finance Committee will present the budget at the informational session on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each.

Ms. Lindsey and the Mayor will be present at Town Council office hours prior to the meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Members discussed the bonding process and the possibility of calling a second Town Meeting the night of the Budget Town Meeting to discuss the Four Corners sewer referendum. Finance Director Cherie Trahan will contact the Town's bond counsel to see if that would be feasible.

Mayor Paterson moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to conditionally support the addition of a special Town Meeting on May 11th if everything that is necessary can be accomplished to bring the Four Corners Sewer project to a Town Meeting following the Budget Town Meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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